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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 12 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2000/888)

Other matters

3 p.m.	4206th meeting (closed)*	Security Council Chamber

* There will be a closed meeting of the Security Council concerning the situation in East Timor.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	33rd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. — 12th meeting — Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*

Iceland
Bulgaria
Georgia
Bahrain
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Singapore
Kazakhstan
Saudi Arabia
Madagascar
Cyprus
Armenia
Togo
Ukraine
Republic of Moldova

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — 11th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Effects of atomic radiation [82] (A/55/46, A/C.4/55/L.6-L.7, UNSCEAR 2000 Report to the General Assembly (Sources and Effects of Ionizing Radiation (Volumes I and II))

2. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

   Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands (A/C.4/55/L.5)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — 12th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [94] (A/55/218)

   (a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth Development Decade (A/55/89-E/2000/80, A/55/209)

   (b) Integration of the economies in transition (A/55/188)

   (c) Cultural Development (A/55/339)

   (d) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/55/314)

   (e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlement (Habitat II) (A/55/83-E/2000/62 and A/55/121)

   Introduction and general discussion

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. — 13th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy question [92]

   (e) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.2

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   Continuation of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — 20th meeting — Conference Room 4

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110] (A/55/41 (Suppl. No. 41), A/55/201, A/55/297, A/55/442, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/55/163-S/2000/712, A/55/467-S/2000/973*)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. — 21st meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

*Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.3, L.4, L.5, L.7** and L.9***

2. International drug control [106]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.10

3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110] (A/55/41 (Suppl. No. 41), A/55/201, A/55/297, A/55/442, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/55/163-S/2000/712, A/55/467-S/2000/973*)

Continuation of general discussion

* To be issued.

** Reissued for technical reasons.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/55/32, A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/55/430, A/54/849 and A/AC.172/2000/6))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — 6th meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [163] (A/55/33)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. — closed meeting — Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft reports

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 12 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 12 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Copies of the draft resolution can be obtained in Room DC2-0458 (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea).

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Cities Without Slums" (agenda item 94 (e)), co-sponsored by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (agenda item 94 (e)), the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Bank, *today*, 12 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, will be the moderator. The participants will include H.E. Mr. Sergio Vento, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations; Mayor Hector Silva of San Salvador (El Salvador); Mrs. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat); and Ms. Frannie Leautier, Director, Infrastructure Division, World Bank. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 12 October 2000

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 92 (d) (Science and Technology for Development))

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. closed meeting — Conference Room 6

1.15 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. closed meeting — Conference Room 9

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. closed meeting — Conference Room 6

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting — Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on oceans and the law of the sea)

1.15 p.m. - 2.15 p.m. closed meeting — Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. closed meeting — Conference Room 5

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There will be a closed meeting of the MASON Group, organized by the delegation of Canada, *today*, 12 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a seminar on conflict resolution, organized by the Office of the Coordinator, Panel of Counsel, *today*, 12 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), organized by the delegation of Australia, *today*, 12 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 69 (The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament), 74 (d) (Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons) and 73 (m) (Reducing nuclear danger), organized by the delegation of India, *today*, 12 October 2000, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, to be submitted under agenda item 73 (General and complete disarmament), organized by the delegation of Canada, *today*, 12 October 2000, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 13 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 2
4 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10:30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing on the World Energy Assessment Report (Energy and the Challenge of Sustainability) under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on Friday, 13 October 2000, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The moderator will be Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director, Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The briefing will be given by Ms. JoAnne DiSano, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and Professor Thomas B. Johansson, Director, Energy and Atmosphere Programme, Division for Sustainable Energy and Environment, United Nations Development Programme. There will be a question-and-answer period.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Thursday, 2 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Wednesday, 1 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G; tel: (212) 963-2320 or 5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open from Thursday, 26 October, to Tuesday, 31 October. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 3-5973; fax: (212) 963-5935; room S-2950G)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations on all outstanding issues for the resumed substantive session of the Council on 18 October 2000 will be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon) on Monday, 16 October 2000, in Conference Room 2, immediately following the adjournment of the 14th meeting of the Second Committee.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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An Expert Group Meeting on Policy Responses to Population Ageing and Population Decline will meet from 16 to 18 October 2000 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting is organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. A panel discussion will take place on Monday, 16 October 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Wednesday, 18 to Friday, 20 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Forum will be addressed by Her Majesty Queen Sylvia of Sweden, who will present the work of the World Childhood Foundation. Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefings

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Fourth Conference of the Parties (Bonn, 11-22 December 2000). The briefing will take place on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues on climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 11 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 11th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued the general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Kyrgyzstan, Ethiopia, Myanmar and Tunisia, as well as by the representative of UNICEF, and the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Oman, Gabon, Thailand, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Argentina.

THIRD COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and Armed Conflict, the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Deputy to the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, on behalf of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights as well as on behalf of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the presenters, in which the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Rwanda, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cuba, Canada, the Sudan, India and Iraq took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Japan and Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community).

Organization of work

The Committee was informed that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 110 was Friday, 13 October, at 6 p.m.

19th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.9

The representative of Italy, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Belarus, Bulgaria, Egypt, Georgia, Lesotho, Monaco, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Russian Federation, introduced the draft resolution, and orally corrected it. Subsequently, Bangladesh, Fiji, Norway, Panama and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

International drug control [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.10

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Armenia, Bangladesh, Croatia, Grenada, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Liberia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Togo and Uzbekistan, introduced the draft resolution. Botswana, Cameroon, Israel and Malawi joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Bangladesh, the Philippines, Norway, Malaysia (on behalf of the ASEAN group), Côte d'Ivoire, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, Oman, San Marino, Israel, Kuwait and Monaco.

The observer for the Holy See also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that action would be taken on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.3, L.4, L.5, L.7* and L.9*, under item 105 and A/C.3/55/L.10, under item 106, on Thursday, 12 October, in the afternoon.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the role of the United Nations [163]

The Chairman of the Special Committee, Mr. Saeid Mirzaee-Yengejeh (the Islamic Republic of Iran), introduced the report.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and associated States), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Costa Rica, China, Hungary, Guatemala, the Russian Federation and Egypt.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity; Montreal, 29 January 2000

Signatory: Jordan (11 October 2000)

Signatory: Romania (12 October 2000)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Civil Society and the United Nations Conference on Illicit Trade in Small Arms". The briefing will be held today, 12 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.50 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The programme will begin at 10 a.m. with a screening of the documentary film "A Force More Powerful: A Century of Non-violent Conflict". Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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World Mental Health Day

In commemoration of World Mental Health Day 2000, the NGO Committee on Mental Health, New York, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), will hold a panel discussion on "Emerging Issues in Mental Health and Work" today, 12 October 2000, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B. The honorary guest will be Mr. Neal L. Cohen, MD, Commissioner, New York City Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services. Welcoming remarks will be given by Mr. Gareth Boswell, Deputy Director, ILO, and Ms. Nancy Wallace, Chairperson, NGO Committee on Mental Health. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special events

A special event on "East Timor and the United Nations: One Year After", organized by the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Department of Public Information and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will take place today, 12 October 2000. From 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., the film "The Diplomat" will be screened in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. A panel discussion on "The United Nations and East Timor" will be held from 3.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. At 6.30 p.m. the Ole Wiesel Ethics Award will be presented to the United Nations Mission in East Timor (UNAMET) in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Remarks will be made by the Deputy Secretary-General. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The premiere of the United Nations documentary on small arms "Armed to the Teeth" will take place on Monday, 16 October 2000, at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Opening remarks will be made by the Secretary-General. The event is co-sponsored by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, and the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Kensaku Hogen. Members of Permanent Missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and the Department for Disarmament Affairs will jointly host a discussion on "Disarmament as Humanitarian Action" on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of UNIDIR on Tuesday, 17 October 2000, from 1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The discussants will be Mr. Soren Jessen-Petersen, Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees; Mr. Martin Griffiths, Director, Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue; and Ms. Randall Forsberg, Director, Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to participate in the discussion. For further information, please call (212) 963-9624.

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To mark one part of the World March of Women 2000 and in commemoration of the International Day of the Eradication of Poverty, a panel discussion, organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 October 2000, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The Deputy Secretary-General will address the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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